



General Assembly

February Session, 2000

Raised Bill No. 5714

LCO No. 1761

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

An Act Concerning Privileged Communications.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 52-146e of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) All communications and records as defined in section 52-146d
4 shall be confidential and shall be subject to the provisions of sections
5 52-146d to 52-146j, inclusive. Except as provided in sections 52-146f to
6 52-146i, inclusive, and sections 17a-101a to 17a-101g, inclusive, no
7 person may disclose or transmit any communications and records or
8 the substance or any part or any resume thereof which identify a
9 patient to any person, corporation or governmental agency without the
10 consent of the patient or his authorized representative.

11 Sec. 2. Section 52-146f of the general statutes, as amended by section
12 1 of public act 99-178 and section 21 of public act 99-2 of the June
13 special session, is amended by adding subdivision (9) as follows:

14 (NEW) (9) Communications or records may be disclosed if child
15 abuse or neglect, abuse of an elderly individual or an individual who

16 is disabled or incompetent is known or in good faith reasonably
17 suspected.

Statement of Purpose:

To permit disclosure of communications to and records of psychiatrists who are mandated reporters of child abuse and neglect to DCF without violating other confidentiality requirements.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]